

REPUBLIC OF KENYA
MURANGA COUNTY ASSEMBLY
THE HANSARD

Wednesday, 2nd May 2018

The House met at 3:00p.m.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki) in the Chair

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

LACK OF ASSEMBLY BUSINESS

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Honorable members, as you can see from the Order Paper today according to the schedule of the business approved by House Business and Rules Committee there was no Business today. This is serious matter which I have commented about even in the House Business and Rules Committee the fact that the Assembly can be allowed without the business. I therefore do hope that this matter is going to improve. Having said that and because of that, if you look at the other dates: since there is no business we have discussed this matter with Chairman Finance and Economic Planning Committee and we have agreed that on 7th and 8th the County Executive Committee Member (CECM) will invite the Honorable members to go for a seminar to discuss the County Integrated Development Plan (CIDP).

PRESENTATION

Also, today afternoon like I had notified you there is an important presentation by Dr. Masika this presentation is important because it is addressing the challenges in many of your wards. It is a program being suggested the ministry of Agriculture to address this issue and the Cabinet Secretary for Agriculture Hon. Mwangi Kiunjuri spoke to me and wrote to me and this is what he said. "Hon. Speaker, as you are aware His Excellency the President has identified four major areas 100% food nutrition and security, manufacturing, universal health care and housing as the county development priority over the next five years. To give effect to 100% food nutrition and security the ministry have planned a series of activities with various county leaders to show case small scale agricultural projects that are making a difference." Note that- "small scale agricultural projects."

"In this regard, the Ministry is inviting you to visit one such site: the Christian Impact Mission in Yatta that is doing integrated agriculture that your County could learn a lot from. For easy organising of the visit, at your cost, please contact Dr. Titus Masika who has kindly agreed to host you as soon as possible, date on the calendar. Kindly take advantage of this arrangement. To be part of the partnerships, the Ministry is creating to deliver on the Big Four. That is the importance the government places on this."

I spoke to Dr. Masika and he told me that he is not going to be around Yatta for quite some time, at least not this week but he agreed to come today and give a presentation on what really is so that you can have an idea, even as you go and visit Yatta, you will have an idea as to exactly what this is all about.

Hon. Members, I propose that we remain here after this session so that we await Dr. Masika to give us that presentation.

LEADERSHIP CHANGE

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Members, I have been requested to make an announcement about some leadership change the Assembly has had as a result of a decision by the Political Parties Tribunal.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Hon. Members, peace and harmony in the County and in the country will be maintained and safeguarded if we maintain law and order. Of great importance in this, is the respect of Court judgements,

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Whether or not we agree with it and if it does not agree with us, then there are channels to address the position. Hon. Members, the Speaker does not choose who will be what in the Assembly leadership; that is not the role of the Speaker. The Speaker will always, in all matters, respect the decision of the Court where this applies.

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): On the matter in hand, I have directed the secretariat to study the court order, together with the relevant laws and our Standing Orders, and facilitate the implementation without undue delay. Thank you Honorable members

(Applause)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Next

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): If there is no any other business, the House is adjourned until further notice, thank you

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Sorry... Sorry... ok, I will agree to this, I thought you are bringing other business

Hon. Kihurunjo Mwangi: Mr. Speaker... Mr. Speaker

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Place the bar, I have agreed to it

Hon. Kihurunjo Mwangi: Mr. Speaker I am MCA Gitugi ward and the Deputy Speaker. One, it is so unfortunate that Mr. Speaker you do not want to listen to us...

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Order! Order! Order!

Hon. Kihurunjo Mwangi: Thank you

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Order! Order! Sit down. Point of order, that is a very bad start, I have not refused to listen to you, it is only that the order was exhausted, okay? There was no other business, okay? And when there is no other business the Speaker rises, but now that I have agreed to listen for the clarification, then do not go back to that

Hon. Kihurunjo Mwangi: thank you Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to get a clarification from your communication, you have communicated that you have talked with the chair Finance about date seven and eight

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Yes

Hon. Kihurunjo Mwangi: Which month? Because I came to understand and, from the communication that we got, that this month, from 7th to 9th this month members are supposed to visit Arusha landfill, we wanted to get that clarification. Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Let me just say that I have been informed that the date for Arusha has been changed to ninth. Yes, this was discussion between me and the Chairman Finance and we agreed that

(Hon. Mburu Muthoni rose on a point of order)

Hon. Mburu Muthoni: Mr. Speaker you did clarify that on issue of the leadership of this Assembly, you have the issue that you have talked to the secretariat.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): I have directed.

Hon. Mburu Muthoni: You have directed the secretariat I needed to know which secretariat? Because the term secretariat might be a bit broader as far as the few months I have been here is concerned. I may understand the secretariat in a different way. That is a point I may need clarity on. And now that there is no vacuum in leadership who is the majority leader as we sit here today? Thank you.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Honourable Member what you are not going to do is to try to make me change what I have said. I have made it very clear, that although I have not seen the court judgement, I have directed the secretariat, the secretariat is the administration of the... and you know who is in charge of the secretariat, the Clerk is of course the responsible. To look at the judgement together with the standing orders and act accordingly, the key word is accordingly, okay?

(Hon. Mburu Muthoni contributing off mic, no recording)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): I said without any delay, I cannot say in next ten minutes, in next one hour. Honourable members do not pressurize me, I have already made a decision and that is... I cannot go and tell them you must do it within an hour or within two hours.

Hon. Kiiru Mwangi:*(off mic, no recording)*.....I think the standing orders are very, very clear that when there is change of leadership the Speaker is supposed to declare at the plenary the new leadership. Is it what you have declared or we are still waiting for the declaration?

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): You are still waiting for declaration after I get the direction, after I get the court order, I have not seen it ----

(Loud consultations)

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): And after the secretariat has to do whatever is necessary, it is not for me to know the technicalities. Okay.

Hon. Murigi Amos: Thank you Honorable Speaker, on this particular issue of which they were on 20th February at the political parties tribunal, those orders were issued by the tribunal and the judgement is here, it was served here and it was very specific about the orders which were given. Order number one is, that I was duly elected the Majority Leader on 5th January

(Applause)

Hon. Murigi Amos: and I am the bonafide Majority Leader. On the 2nd is that the respondents, which were five respondents is that they should facilitate the taking over and thirdly that is, I should not be harassed or intimidated as I discharge my duties as the Majority Leader. Further number four, each party to pay its own cost. So it was very explicit and it has been said we are sometimes lost because as we talk we do not have any leadership vacuum and that is what, Honorable Speaker this members are asking because as we talk we do not have vacuum, they would like to know from 20th and from today because that is what we are waiting and who is in the office of the Majority leader

(Applause)

Hon. Murigi Amos: Because we do not know when and when it is left like that I think it is open to abuse because as we talk I am getting a lot of intimidations. Even Hon. Tuju has called me twice today trying to intimidate me over the same but I have told him no, I am ready to leave Jubilee Party and I will seek election in any other party but this time I am not ready to let this one go, we. We have to persist

(Applause)

Hon. Murigi Amos: I think this is, they should want to know in the office of the Majority Leader because there is no vacuum and according to the orders, who should be in that office? Because I believe it should not have any vacuum.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): Honorable members I agree and I totally agree, all I am saying is that it will be according to the judgement. If the judgement has said a particular day, that is the day it will be, okay? I do not want a debate about this, it is according to the judgement. I have directed the Secretariat to look at the judgement and act according to the judgement; I do not have the judgement here. I am not going to answer that, thank you very much. Honorable members I am not going to...

Hon. Kiiru Mwangi: Honorable Speaker is it in order for you to mislead this House that you have not seen the order and it was served to your Office? If it was not to your office you must be in knowledge of the same order. Point of order, we need that clarification.

The Speaker (Hon. Nduati Kariuki): I have not seen it, okay Honorable members.....

ADJOURNMENT

(The Speaker procession walks while members are seated)